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SUBJECT: NORTH DAKOTA (ND) MISSION

1. USINT COMMERCIAL OFFICER KILLOUGH AND RTDO DIRECTOR LE FEAVER MET MARCH 11 WITH HANI AL-NAIB, DIRECTOR GENERAL (DG) OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS, IRAQI MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA). PRESENTED COPIES OF ND MISSION FEB 27, 1976 PRESS RELEASE ABOUT PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND OF GROUP'S OFFICIAL VISITS TO EGYPT AND JORDAN AS WELL AS THE MISSION'S ONE-PAGE BACKGROUNDERS ON BANK OF ND, ND MILL AND ELEVATOR, ND WHEAT COMMISSION AND ND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION. DG SAID MFA HAS RECEIVED NO RPT NOT WORD ABOUT PROPOSED VISIT FROM IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION IN WASHINGTON, BUT PROMISED TRY TO MAKE POSSIBLE VISIT BY EITHER ABOUT FIVE STATE OFFICIALS OR FIVE PRIVATE ND BUSINESSMEN. IMPOSSIBLE, HE SAID, ON SUCH NOTICE ARRANGE ADEQUATE LODGING FOR GROUP OF 35 NOW VISITING EGYPT. ADDED THAT TWO NON-AMERICAN GROUPS EARLIER OFFICIALLY APPROVED TO VISIT IRAQ HAVE IN PAST FEW DAYS BEEN ASKED TO POSTPONE BECAUSE MISSIONS ARE ARRIVING TOO CLOSE TOGETHER. MR. NAIB HOPES HAVE GO OR NO GO ANSWER BY MARCH 16 WHEN ND MISSION SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE AMMAN. IF VISIT IS APPROVED, IRAQI EMBASSY AMMAN
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WILL BE AUTHORIZED ISSUE VISAS. DG THOUGHT MARCH WAS EXCELLENT

BETWEEN WHAT MISSION HAS TO OFFER AND WHAT IRAQ NEEDS, ESPECIALLY IN TECHNOLOGY FOR GROWING WHEAT. ASSURED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY IN ARRANGING VISIT OF GROUP AT LATER DATE.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: IF, UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES OUTLINED ABOVE, MISSION REMAINS INTERESTED IN VISITING IRAQ MARCH 22, PLEASE INFORM US OF YOUR PREFERENCES AS BETWEEN 4-6 MAN GOVERNMENTAL GROUP OF 4-6 MAN PRIVATE SECTOR GROUP AND NAMES OF PERSONS WHO WOULD COMPOSE EITHER GROUP.

3. COMMENT: BELIEVE MFA WILL MAKE STRONG EFFORT ARRANGE VISIT BY ONE OR OTHER OF TWO GROUPS UNDER DISCUSSION. FROM WHAT USINT KNOWS OF MISSION'S COMPOSITION, BELIEVE NO VISITORS SHOULD BE SELECTED TO REFLECT EXPERTISE IN WHEAT (EXPORTING AND GROWING), AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION, AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES, LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY CATTLE.

4. BELIEVE GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ WOULD REACT POSITIVELY TO INVITATION FOR SELECTED OFFICIALS TO VISIT NORTH DAKOTA ALONG LINES OF AUGUST 1975 ARAB FACT-FINDING MISSION. PLEASE INFORM US IF MISSION IS PREPARED TO EXTEND SUCH AN INVITATION AND WHETHER IT WISHES RELAY INVITATION THROUGH THIS OFFICE. WOULD INVITATION INCLUDE TRAVEL AND LODGING EXPENSES OR NOT?

5. ALL IRAQI GOVERNMENT OFFICES CLOSED MARCH 12 AND 13. WILL ADVISE MISSION OF DEVELOPMENTS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. MR. ARTHUR LOWRIE, POLITICAL COUNSELOR OF US EMBASSY CAIRO WAS RECENTLY POSTED IN BAGHDAD AND CAN EXPLAIN TO MISSION CONSTRAINTS WE LABOR UNDER IN COMMUNICATING RAPIDLY WITH REST OF WORLD.

6. LE FEATHER REGRETS UNABLE MEET WITH MISSION DUE PRESENT TRAVEL COMMITMENTS.
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